

The Art of an ERC Presentation

How to prepare for the ERC committee

September 25 (Wednesday), 13:30 - 15:30 + following networking with guests after 15:30

Venue: Brno (specific place TBA)

Language: English

Registration here: <https://forms.office.com/r/Gbx9YSd4fV>

Speakers:

- MSc. Johana Wyss D.Phil.
- Mgr. Luděk Brož, M.Phil., Ph.D.
- Mgr. Michal Frankl, Ph.D.

Content:

This event with SSH ERC holders will follow up on the series of workshops on ERC grants. This time, the event will focus on the art of presenting a research idea in front of a specialised committee. We will cover all parts of the presentation, from the preparation process to the presentation itself, and also include practical tips (from a looking-back perspective) on what holders would have done differently.

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QUESTIONS

Preparation for Presentation

- Did you focus on your audience/committee?
- How (if) did it influence your preparation? Panel members are not necessarily from your field of research. How do you deal with that?
- What was your approach towards the preparation of the presentation?
- Is there some official guidelines which you could follow to prepare well for the presentation?

Practice Presentation

- There are around 3 months between your presentation and the time you found out about the interview. How did you practice your presentation?
- With whom? Have you practised with your colleagues/friends?
- What was important in these “test” presentations?
- Do you think there is some maximum level of preparation? Is it possible to over-prepare?
- Have you prepared possible questions the committee could have? How did you anticipate questions? What did your list look like?
- How about the questions you would not know how to answer? How did you prepare for that?

Big Day - Presentation in Front of the Committee

- How did the process of your presentation look like? Could you give us step by step itinerary?
- How did you catch the attention of the committee?
- Did you have some strategy?
- What was the ratio between presenting you as PI and the research project itself?
- How long lasted the presentation, and what was the atmosphere?
- Was there something that surprised you?
- How about the questions you prepared for, did you anticipate some of them?

Looking back

- Would you do something differently?
- What would you avoid?
- What would you certainly do?
- Have you attended some kind of communication training/presentation training which would help you for preparing for the presentation?
- Is there any help of your home institution or other organisation focused on ERC grantees? Some education/training/different support?